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In response to the Office Action mailed on March 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled, "Clean Version of Pending Claims," for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 2-4, the amendment of previously pending claims 1 and 5, and the addition of new claims 19-22. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please cancel claims 2, 3, and 4 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended) A method of [identifying the presence] determining the concentration of a selected interferent contained in a specimen in the presence of a blood substitute, one or more other interferents, and at least one analyte, by quantification of the selected interferent in said specimen, using a spectrophotometer, comprising the steps of:

- i) generating a calibration algorithm for said selected interferent;
- ii) measuring with said spectrophotometer, an absorbance of radiation by said selected interferent in said specimen; and
- iii) incorporating said absorbance measured in step ii) in said algorithm and calculating the concentration of said selected interferent in said

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